

## Message Text

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AMCONSUL STUTTGART

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, GW  
SUBJECT: INTERIOR MINISTER WERNER MAIHOFFER ANNOUNCES  
HIS RESIGNATION

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT INTERIOR MINISTER WERNER  
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MAIHOFFER (FDP), IN A MEETING WITH HIS FRAKTION  
COLLEAGUES TODAY, HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION. A  
SUCCESSOR HAS NOT YET BEEN DESIGNATED, BUT ACCORDING TO  
WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, THE FDP WILL SELECT A REPLACEMENT  
THIS EVENING.

2. IN THE WAKE OF THE FDP DEBACLE IN THE JUNE 4

ELECTIONS, AND IN VIEW OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE DOGGED MAIHOFFER SINCE THE TRAUBE BUGGING AFFAIR IN THE SPRING OF 1977, THIS RESIGNATION COMES AS NO GREAT SURPRISE. MAIHOFFER HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY A BURDEN TO HIS PARTY AND A TARGET FOR CRITICISM FROM THE LEFT WING OF THE SPD AND THE FDP. REPORTEDLY, HE BASED HIS RESIGNATION ON ERRORS THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN THE EFFORT TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE KIDNAPPED INDUSTRIALIST, HANNES MARTIN SCHLEYER, LAST FALL.

3. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS RESIGNATION AS SOON AS MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.  
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